

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 475

By Bowers

A RESOLUTION to commend Talesa Dickerson for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Talesa Dickerson is one such individual who has distinguished herself in her role as a legislative intern for Majority Whip Kathryn I. Bowers; her work has resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators she assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, a student at the University of Memphis, where she is highly regarded by her peers, she has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and geography with a concentration in urban planning and minoring in legal thought and liberal arts; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she has participated in numerous extracurricular activities, including Habitat for Humanity, Girl's Inc., and the Girl Scouts of America Troop #289; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize herself with the characteristics and complexity of Tennessee state government and to further her studies, Ms. Dickerson brought her many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2003 session of the One Hundred Third General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2003 legislative session, Talesa Dickerson has surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, a native of Memphis, she is a 1991 graduate of Whitehaven High School where she was a flag girl for the marching band and she served as Secretary of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; she has been a public servant for the Internal Revenue Service for five years as a tax examiner GS-5; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dickerson is most grateful for the love and support she has received from her family: her mother, Debora Ann Harrison, is a Certified Public Accountant and the Director of International Accounting for the International Paper Company; her father, Jefferson Davis Harrison, is the owner of Bluff City Locksmith; and her brother, Justin Harrison, is a sales manager for R.J. Reynolds and is an entertainer and music producer; and

WHEREAS, she is the proud mother of Tatiana Danielle Hurd; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Dickerson's hard work and ambition surely bode well for her future success; she plans to earn her Bachelor of Arts degree in May of 2004, then to pursue a Juris Doctorate and a Master's degree in Public Administration; and

WHEREAS, Talesa Dickerson has performed her many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Talesa Dickerson for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Majority Whip Kathryn I. Bowers and extend to her our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.